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DID NOT WANT TO IMPLICATE A DEAD MAN

Sugar Trust Employee Gave Two Years of Life to Protect Superior

INVENTED SPRINGS TO CHEAT WEIGHTS

Oliver Spitzer Says Every Time He Looks in Mirror He Sees Fool

NEW YORK, May 25.—Oliver Spitzer, former superintendent of docks of the American Sugar Refining company, explained today why he did not confess during the trial ending last February, when he was sentenced to two years in the prison at Atlanta.

Such a confession, he declared, would have carried him to a cemetery.

In other words, he would have implicated a dead man, Henry O. Havemeyer, late head of the sugar trust.

Spitzer was under cross examination by the defense at the trial of Charles R. Heike, secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, who, with five subordinates, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by underweighing sugar.

He repeated that he had made his confession, not with hope of pardon, but to ease his conscience.

"What did you say when advised to confess?" asked Clarence Lexow, for the defense.

"I said the only confession I can make will carry me into a cemetery and Mr. Stimson (the government prosecutor) does not want that."

"You are referring to Henry O. Havemeyer?" was asked.

"Yes, I am," answered Spitzer.

This closed the court incident, but Spitzer talked more freely after leaving the stand. He said he had met H. O. Havemeyer two or three times, and Ernest W. Gilbricht, former refinery superintendent, another of the defendants. He had made his reports direct to Mr. Havemeyer.

The frauds, he insisted, had begun before his time, although he worked on the docks twenty-nine years. He admitted that the steel springs used to manipulate the scales on the docks were his invention.

"Why did you not tell the truth in the first place?" he was asked.

"Every time I look into a mirror, I see a damn fool," was the answer.

"I was a fool not to do it, but I was ashamed to let anyone know I did these things. My credit was good; I could get anything, and I did not want people to know I was fool enough to do these things for nothing. I got nothing out of it."

"Another reason why I committed perjury was because I thought nothing could happen to the sugar trust. We all thought the trust was so strong the government could do nothing with it."

Aside from Spitzer's confession, the government attaches most importance to the testimony given today by Miss Violet C. Mertens, a stenographer employed by the sugar company. She said she made three copies of the so-called technical statements concerning sugar weights, which have disappeared, and one copy went to Heike and another to Gerbracht.

The government has eight or ten witnesses, who, it is said, will confirm her statement, and it will probably present the testimony of these witnesses. They will be put on the stand tomorrow and Mr. Stimson will then rest the prosecution. He expects to close his case by noon.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY TO GET PAPERS FROM COURT

Investigation of Scandal in Illinois Interrupted by Bandit Tactics

CHICAGO, May 25.—A sensational turn was given the Lee, O'Neil Browne alleged bribery trial here late today when it became known that an attempt was made during a noon recess to burglarize Judge McSorley's court room in the criminal court building. A lock on the main door had been jammed so badly that it was necessary to remove it before the door could be reopened. Whoever attempted to secure access to the important papers by breaking into the courtroom apparently had been somewhat frightened away. Judge McSorley, States Attorney

Organized Labor Degrading Claims College President

BOSTON, Mass., May 25.—Labor unions degrade human character, according to Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, who spoke tonight at the annual public meeting of the American Unitarian association.

Dr. Eliot's subject was, "The Wise Direction of Church Activity Toward Social Welfare."

Declaring the regulation of output, as demanded by labor organizations, illustrated the supplanting of individual right, he said that labor unions by such practices inevitably degrade human character.

SMOOT BILL WOULD WITHDRAW LAND

Would Place Fate of Public Domain More Securely in President's Hands

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Another administration bill, one dealing with withdrawals of public lands, has been amended by Senator Smoot, with the authorization of the common public lands, and probably will be reported from the committee this week.

Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee, has promised to do all he can to further prompt consideration of the bill.

By the bill, the president is authorized to withdraw temporarily for all purposes, any public lands, and reserve them for water power sites, irrigation, classification of lands or other public purposes. Except as applies to coal, oil gas and phosphate lands, they are to be open to occupation and purchase.

bona fide occupants of oil or gas lands, who at the time of withdrawals are prosecuting work to discover oil or gas, are not to be affected by any such order as long as such occupant continues in possession of the work.

CAUCUS BEGINS ON POSTAL BILL

Many Amendments Will Prolong Discussion for Many Days

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—The caucus of the republican members of the house on the postal savings bank bill began tonight.

It was soon apparent that no agreement could be reached at the first session, and it was predicted the caucus would extend over three nights.

Practically all the changes considered in the bill tonight were related to phraseology. None of them touched upon the disposition of deposits. The Gardner bill is the basis of the caucus measure.

Chairman Weeks explained that the bill was no one-man bill, but was the result of careful work and thought by many.

He was followed by Mr. Gardner in a half hour's speech, explaining the bill. His explanation is said to have been satisfactory to many.

The bill, section by section, was taken up and read.

Mr. Madden of Illinois, it is stated, has twenty-two separate amendments to submit, and many others have almost an equally large number.

Wayman and newspaper men were all at lunch when the attempt was made. When he was informed of the matter, States Attorney Wayman said he did not take to court with him the alleged confessions made by Representatives H. J. C. Beckenmeyer and Michael S. Link, the contents of which have been kept a close secret.

Against the objections of States Attorney Wayman, Attorney Forrest of the defense secured a continuance until tomorrow. Attorney Forrest said he desired time to look up federal authorities on the election of senators and congressmen.

Attorney Forrest spent the entire day in presenting his contentions that the criminal courts of Cook county have no jurisdiction to try the bribery cases, as he alleges the election of federal senators is controlled by federal laws.

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE A-DAY DREAMING OF HER SOLDIER HERO-- BUT HOW ABOUT THE WASHTUB?



WARM WORDS PASS AT PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY

California Minister Hissed for Radical Statements to Delegates

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 25.—The judicial committee of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church today completed the hearing of the committee on ministers in the New York Presbytery heresy case and its report may be given out tomorrow.

The ministers' committee appealed to the assembly against the action of the Presbytery of New York city in licensing Steen, Black and Pitus, students of the Union Theological seminary, after they had admitted they did not believe in the miraculous conception, the raising of Lazarus from the tomb, and certain other biblical miracles. They also appealed against the action of the synod of New York state in sanctioning the licensing of the students after the minority of the Presbytery had filed a protest against such action.

During the afternoon session, a resolution touching upon the temperance question was introduced by Homer L. Castle of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. D. H. Sharp, of Red Bluff, Cal., said: "I know some excellent Presbyterian ministers and laymen who drink wine, and they are as good as we are."

There was a chorus of "No" from the commissioners, followed by hissing. "Well, anyway," Dr. Sharp said, "they would not hiss a man who has courage enough to stand in the open and say his opinion."

The Rev. J. W. McGowan of Montann asked what was the limitation of book sales by the book stores conducted by the church. He concluded by saying:

"I would rather teach my boy, if I had one, to drink beer or whiskey, than to let him read some of the books sold."

SEYLER ACQUITTED AFTER FIVE HOURS

MAYS LANDING, N. J., May 25.—William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams, on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was acquitted tonight. The jury was out over five hours.

Died of 'Inhaling Alchemist's Fumes

SCRANTON, Pa., May 25.—Dr. F. W. Lange today explained the circumstances that are said to have led to the death of C. C. Dickinson of New York, former president of the Carnegie Trust company.

Dr. Lange says Dickinson, who was greatly interested in a process which he (Dr. Lange) claims will transmute base metal into silver, left a chair in which he had been instructed to sit, and leaning over a furnace heated to 4,000 degrees, inhaled the fumes.

CHARGE LIQUOR MEN WITH BRIBERY

Further Ramifications of Illinois Senate Scandals Precipitated

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 25.—By the testimony given before the Sangamon county grand jury today, a few facts upholding the reports that corruption was practiced in connection with liquor legislation, were brought out.

Nathan A. Cole of Peoria, publicity director for the United Manufacturers & Merchants association, an organization of liquor dealers, denied that his organization used money to influence legislation or that a lobby had been maintained. He claimed the work of the association was purely educational.

Representative Charles Richter of Chicago and Ernest A. Scroggins, legislative superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League, said they knew nothing positive about bribery.

Rev. Dr. Shields, president of the Anti-Saloon League, said he had no positive evidence of graft.

That at least three persons will be indicted as a result of evidence given before the grand jury in the investigation of legislation for new desks in the house and the senate was predicted tonight.

MRS. TEDDY TALKS TO THE ROYAL MOTHER

Queen Alexandra Interested in Status of Women in United States

LONDON, May 25.—Mrs. Roosevelt spent an hour or more today in the company of the Queen Mother Alexandra, while the ex-president received a deputation from the British group of the Inter-parliamentary union. This was composed of Lord Weardale, T. P. O'Connor, Sir Edward Sassoon, and Arthur H. Cransfield, M. P., who presented him with an address.

Mrs. Roosevelt remained more than an hour at the palace, and the conversation between the two had a wide range. These queen mother was especially interested in her visitor's description of the place occupied by women in the United States.

Her majesty also inquired about Mrs. Roosevelt's journey to the Sudan to meet her husband and listened with evident pleasure to the experiences related.

Mr. Roosevelt began the day by breakfasting with Sir Edward Gray, the foreign secretary. Then with R. J. Cunningham, Leslie A. Tarlton of Nairobi and Seth Bullock, he proceeded to the Zoo. Other visitors, learning of Mr. Roosevelt's presence, soon gathered around, but kept at a respectful distance.

Mother's Illness Saves Defendant

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 25.—Because his mother, Mrs. E. M. School, was so weakened by tuberculosis that she could not testify, Jay Ransch, the former star of the California turf, whose arrest she caused, was freed today of a charge of having threatened to kill his niece, Kissie Ransch, Mrs. School's adopted daughter.

Justice Rose dismissed the charge, but fined Ransch \$25 for carrying concealed weapons.

The jockey left tonight to join his wife at Bakersfield.

Arizona Prisoner Escapes the Pen on Habeas Corpus

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 25.—An unusual incident occurred today when William Sisson, after several years of service in the territorial penitentiary for the crime of murder, was released on a writ of habeas corpus issued by Chief Justice Edward Kent.

Sisson killed a man in Graham county in a quarrel over an irrigation ditch, was convicted five years ago and sentenced to life imprisonment by former Judge Tucker. A few months ago on a showing of new evidence, Governor Sloan commuted the sentence to ten years imprisonment. A recent search of the record by Sisson's attorney revealed the fact that Sisson had never entered a plea of either guilty or not guilty, wherefore Judge Kent holds the trial was irregular and nullified.

SANTA FE FILES ON IMMENSE TRACT

Green Will Get Fifty Thousand Acres for Irrigation Project

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 25.—A representative of the Santa Fe today filed on fifty thousand acres of government land south of the Southern Pacific railroad between Maricopa and Casa Grande. It is understood the plans are to turn the land over to Colonel W. C. Greene for reclamation. Greene and associates already have a large body of land immediately east of there, in the Santa Cruz bottoms.

It is expected tomorrow that the same representative will file on thirty thousand acres along the Little Colorado river above St. Johns, skirting the petrified forest, which in a similar way will be turned over to J. H. Sherman and J. F. Church of Denver, who have \$1,500,000 to spend in its reclamation. The filings were made with Moki land scrip.

ROADS RAISE WAGES

Colorado Officials Hope to Avert Threatened Strike by Increases

DENVER, Colo., May 25.—Managers of fourteen railroad systems in the west met in Denver this morning and decided to put into effect at once an increase of wages of 3 cents an hour for yard men, and apply the working rules and changes in conditions adopted at the meeting of the General Managers' association and now in effect in Chicago and eastern yards. This decision, it is thought, will avert the threatened strike.

WARRANTS OUT FOR OFFICERS OF BANK

RENO, Nev., May 25.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Oscar J. Smith, Bert Smith and C. Griffin, officers and directors of the now defunct Eureka bank.

They are charged with receiving funds from an insolvent bank.

CLEVELAND'S GOLDEN RULE

POLICE CHIEF SUSPENDED

Says He Will Fight It Out and Promises Sensational Developments

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 25.—Chief of Police Frederick Koehler, known throughout the country as the "Golden Rule" chief, and lauded by President Roosevelt as the best chief of police in the country, was suspended today by Mayor Baehr on charges of gross immorality, habitual drunkenness and disobedience of orders.

Tuesday has been set as a tentative date for Koehler's trial by the civil service commission.

Statements by Koehler and his accusers today point to sensational testimony, which may involve many prominent men.

Mr. Koehler has intimated that he intends to fight the charges to a finish, and if he is disgraced he will not be the only one to fall.

Among the charges brought against

SUICIDE ROUTE IS PREFERRED TO ILL HEALTH

Cal Hines, Pioneer Inspector, Cuts Throat Yesterday

HAD LONG SUFFERED FROM RHEUMATISM

Made Deliberate Preparation to Make Thorough Job of Self Slaying

Despondent because of ill health, Cal Hines, a prospector who had resided in this district for the past twenty years, committed suicide at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by slashing his throat with a razor.

The body was discovered half an hour later by school children who happened to pass by the scene of the tragedy. The authorities were notified at once and physicians were rushed to the scene of the suicide, to save the man's life, if possible. He was dead, however, when the physicians arrived.

For several years Hines had suffered from rheumatism and had been confined to the county hospital for the greater part of the time. He acted as a helper about the hospital and was given the freedom of the grounds. Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon he disappeared.

From an investigation made after the discovery of the body, Hines apparently left the hospital with the firm determination of ending his life.

Leaving the hospital grounds, he went into a small canyon to the north east of that institution, climbed onto a rocky shelf and made deliberate preparations to end his troubles.

Removing his shoes, socks and hat, he made a pillow of them, laid down on his left side and drew the razor across his throat. The keen blade severed the main arteries in the throat, and to all appearances, death relieved him of his sufferings within a few minutes.

It was the marks of blood upon the rocks, where it had trickled from the arteries of the dying man, that attracted the attention of the school children, who made an investigation and discovered the man's body.

Judge Hinson Thomas, acting as coroner, made an investigation of the affair yesterday afternoon. Nothing was found on or near the body to indicate the motive, as Hines left no message regarding the cause of his rash action.

It is said, however, that he had been despondent over his physical condition for some time and it is believed that his suffering caused him to become mentally unbalanced.

Hines was 48 years of age and was fairly well known in this city, as he worked throughout the district for many years, having at one time owned valuable claims in the Pinto district.

He has no relatives in this part of the country, a sister living in Oklahoma being the only known relative.

An inquest over the body of the deceased has been called for this afternoon, by Judge Hinson Thomas.

INSURGENTS BEATEN IS LATEST REPORT

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, May 25.—A report has just been received here from government sources of the complete defeat of the insurgents at Bluefields Bluff.

Koehler is that during the seven years he has been at the head of the police department he has utilized the detective force for the collection of facts concerning prominent officials and others to be used if he was attacked.

The present charges are the culmination of a series of attacks against the chief. After he had been informed of his suspension, Mr. Koehler explained:

"The charges are the work of the character snatchers, grave robbers and blackmailers who have been after me for years."

Chief Koehler joined the police force as a patrolman fourteen years ago. Under Mayor Tom Johnson his rise was rapid. He was appointed chief in 1903, and since then has attracted national attention by his policy of the "golden rule."

Briefly, this policy was that in minor offenses, such as intoxication or disorderly conduct, it was better to admonish the offender and persuade him to go home than to arrest him.

His opponents have accused Koehler of increasing crime by this policy.